

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is inappropriate and like Sinclair Broadcasting, which is closer to home here in Michigan, is an abuse of responsibility and use of the public airwaves.

We agree with our friends at FreePress E-activist network that localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate and alternative viewpoints.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. The FCC has the authority to strengthen media ownership rules and particularly review such actions during the license renewal process (which ought to be more more than just a returned postcard). Thank you.